STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD FUNDING PROGRAM FACT SHEET

Program Name:

Agricultural Drainage Loan Program

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding/agdrain-index.html

Lead Agency: State Water Resources Control Board

Program Type: Low interest loan program to address agricultural drainage problems.

Program Description:

This program was created by the Water Conservation and Water Quality Bond Law of 1986 to address treatment, storage, conveyance, or disposal of agricultural drainage water that threaten waters of the State. Funding cap of \$20 million for implementation and \$100,000 for feasibility studies. Loan repayment period of up to 20 years, with rates of 2 to 3 % (set at 1/2 of the State's General Obligation bond rate). Funds available as of September 4th, 2007: \$11.3 Million.

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Authorization: Water Conservation and Water Quality Bond Law of 1986

Agency Responsibilities:

- Prioritize projects.
- Review loan requests.
- Develop contracts.
- Assure compliance with State requirements.
- Disburse loan funds and collect repayments.

Regulated Activities: None.

Deadlines: None, applications are accepted on a continuous basis.

Eligible Applicants:

Eligible Applicants include any city, county, district, joint powers authority or other political subdivision of the State involved with water management.

Requirements:

- Projects must address treatment, storage, conveyance or disposal of agricultural drainage that threaten waters of the State.
- Submit application and supporting documents.
- Provide an opportunity for public participation.
- Comply with CEQA.
- Establish a dedicated repayment source acceptable to the SWRCB.

Related Programs:

Agricultural Drainage Loan Management Program, Agricultural Water Quality Grant Program. Information available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/funding

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